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1. According to observation prior to 14 March, the exercises which had begun in the area northwest of Naumburg on 3 March were continuing. Most of the troops involved in the exercise apparently detrained at Buttstaedt from 7 March on. Residents stated that 20 troop trains carrying tanks and rocket launchers arrived there. The troops bivouacked in the woods of Finne, Schredke and Schueke and in the Hainleite hills. Tent camps seen near and on either side of Bad Bibra blocked the Lossa-Wiehe road on 14 March. Motor vehicles observed in the entire area belonged to the following units: the GOFG, the 6th Guards AA Division, the 6th Artillery Division, signal troops of the 2nd Guards Mechanized Army, headquarters troops of the 3rd Shock Army, the 13th AA Division, a signal battalion of the 21st Guards Mechanized Division, headquarters troops of the (Roman) 29th Guards Rifle Corps, and to the 9th Mechanized Division.
2. Residents stated that a Soviet unit held a field exercise in the Waldau-Kleinhelmsdorf area west of Zeitz.
3. The Lieberose troop training grounds were occupied by only a guard detail on 8 to 10 March. Laborers were signed on for 15 March to build additional wooden barracks at the Wittstock troop training grounds. Only individual vehicles of the 18th Mechanized Division were observed at the troop training grounds.

* **Comment:** The maneuvers are probably a command post exercise. It is worth noting that the troops have so far been billeted only on the southern banks of the Unstrut and Wipper rivers.

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